THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The newspaper report perhaps refers to the 12th report of the Standing Committee on Railways. This report is under examination.

Rail Ticket Racket

1219. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket involving some authorised travel agents was recently discovered in Delhi in which the signature of Members of Parliament were forged to acquire railway tickets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken against the persons concerned?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) An instance of securing reservation on a fake letter on the letter head of an M.P. for release of 3 sleeper class berths in favour of a party travelling from New Delhi to Vadodara by 2472 Swaraj Express on 27.9.97 has come to notice recently on a sample check. The suspected person was apprehended and handed over to the local police for further action. A show Cause Notice has also been issued for termination of the licence of the authorised Rail Travellers' Service Agent suspected to be involved in this case.

पश्चिम रेलवे के अंतर्गत मुंबई के महाप्रबंधक को सांसदों से पत्र

1220. **श्री चीमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ला:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पश्चिम रेलवे के अंतर्गत मुंबई के महाप्रबंधक द्वारा सांसदों तथा क्षेत्रीय परामर्शदात्री समिति के सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्रों पर विगत छः माह के दौरान क्या-क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

(ख) उन्हें किन-किन संदर्भों में ये पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं और इसका विभाग-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) महाप्रबंधक ने संबंधित प्रभागीय प्रबंधकों को इन पत्रों के आधार पर क्या-क्या आदेश जारी किए हैं;

(घ) क्या मंत्रालय द्वारा सांसदों के पत्रों की पावती देने की कोई समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई है; और

(ङ) क्या महाप्रबंधक और प्रभागीय प्रबंधकों द्वारा इसका अनुपालन किया जाता है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) से (ङ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Railway Convention Committee's Recommendation

1221. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the high level Parliamentary Committee Railway Convention Committee (VII) had given several recommendations regarding modification in the service conditions/promotional prospects of Group 'B' officers of Indian Railways;

(b) if so, how many such recommendations were made and how many of them have been accepted and implemented; and

(c) by when the same are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The four recommendations made in this regard are under consideration.

Regularisation of contract workers in Southern Division

1222. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation towards regularisation of services of 125 contract labourers engaged for loading and unloading of coal from the steam engines in Trichy division of Southern Railway;